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The Listing of Claims:

1 (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of a polypropylene polymer

composition with bimodal rubber, said process comprising the steps of:

i) feeding propylene to a at least one slurry reactor and producing a polypropylene

polymer matrix in the presence of a polymerization catalyst in said at least one slurry

reactor,

ii) transferring the slurry reactor product into a gas phase reactor (GPR),

iii) feeding a first mixture of ethylene and propylene to said first gas phase reactor

and producing a first ethylene/propylene-copolymer in the polymer matrix in the presence

of a polymerization catalyst in said first gas phase reactor,

iv) transferring the first gas phase reactor product into a second gas phase reactor,

v) feeding a second mixture of ethylene and propylene to said second gas phase

reactor and producing a second ethylene/propylene-copolymer in the polymer matrix in

the presence of a polymerization catalyst in said second gas phase reactor, and

vi) recovering the polymer product produced in step v) for further processing,

wherein said first and second ethylene/propylene mixtures having different

composition ratios and wherein said first ethylene/propylene copolymer has a

higher average molecular weight than said second ethylene/propylene-copolymer,

and

wherein the composition ratios of said first and second ethylene/propylene mixtures are

adjusted so that in the first gas phase reactor, a propylene rich ethylene propylene rubber

(EPR) is produced in the propylene polymer matrix, and in the second gas phase reactor,

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an ethylene rich EPR rubber is produced in the propylene polymer matrix, and wherein

said polypropylene polymer composition has improved scratch resistance.

2 (Canceled)

3 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1, whereby the polymerization

conditions in the gas phase reactors are such that in one GPR reactor A, the gas phase

polymerization step is carried out by adding propylene and ethylene monomers where the

resulting amount of C₂ in the EPR formed in gas phase reactor A is in the range from 39 –

74 mol% and that in the other GPR reactor B, the gas phase polymerization step is carried

out by adding propylene and ethylene monomers where the resulting amount of C2 in the

EPR formed in gas phase reactor B is in the range from 77 – 99.9mol%

The process of claim 3, whereby in GPR reactor A, the 4 (Previously Presented)

molar H₂/C₂ ratio is in the range between 0.01 to 0.1, and in GPR reactor B, the molar

 H_2/C_2 ratio is in the range between 0.3 to 0.7.

5 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1, whereby the polymer products are

flashed before transferring them to the next polymerization step.

The process of claim 1, whereby the first and second GPR 6 (Previously Presented)

polymerization steps are carried out in the same gas phase reactor.

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The process of claim 1, whereby the polymer product 7 (Previously Presented)

obtained in step vi is further treated for compounding with additives and/or fillers.

8 (Previously Presented)

The polymer product obtained according to the process of

claim 1.

9 (Previously Presented)

The polymer product of claim 8, further comprising at least

one additive or filler selected from minerals, slip agent and processing agents.

10 (Previously Presented)

The polymer product obtained according to the process of .

claim 1 and having a dL value of less than 4.

11 (Currently Amended)

A method for manufacturing molded articles comprising the

step of molding the polymer of claim 8. a polymer obtained according to a process

comprising the steps of

i) feeding propylene to a at least one slurry reactor and producing a polypropylene

polymer matrix in the presence of a polymerization catalyst in said at least one slurry

reactor,

ii) transferring the slurry reactor product into a gas phase reactor (GPR),

iii) feeding a first mixture of ethylene and propylene to said first gas phase reactor

and producing a first ethylene/propylene-copolymer in the polymer matrix in the presence

of a polymerization catalyst in said first gas phase reactor,

iv) transferring the first gas phase reactor product into a second gas phase reactor,

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v) feeding a second mixture of ethylene and propylene to said second gas phase

reactor and producing a second ethylene/propylene-copolymer in the polymer matrix in

the presence of a polymerization catalyst in said second gas phase reactor, and

vi) recovering the polymer product produced in step v) for further processing,

wherein said first and second ethylene/propylene mixtures having different

composition ratios

wherein the composition ratios of said first and second ethylene/propylene mixtures are

adjusted so that in the first gas phase reactor, a propylene rich ethylene propylene rubber

(EPR) is produced in the propylene polymer matrix, and in the second gas phase reactor,

an ethylene rich EPR rubber is produced in the propylene polymer matrix, and wherein

said polypropylene polymer composition has improved scratch resistance.

12 (Previously Presented)

A molded article comprising the polymer of claim 8.

13 (Previously Presented)

The process of claim 3, wherein the resulting amount of C₂

in the EPR formed in gas phase reactor A is in the range from 53 - 65 mol%.

14 (Previously Presented)

The process of claim 3, wherein the resulting amount of C₂

in the EPR formed in gas phase reactor B is in the range from 84 – 96 mol%.

15 (Previously Presented)

The process of claim 3, whereby in GPR reactor A, the

molar H_2/C_2 ratio is in the range between 0.03 to 0.06.

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16 (Previously Presented)

The process of claim 3, whereby in GPR reactor A, the

molar H_2/C_2 ratio is 0.05.

17 (Previously Presented) The process of claim 3, whereby in GPR reactor B, the

molar H_2/C_2 ratio is in the range between 0.4 to 0.6.

18 (Previously Presented)

The process of claim 3, whereby in GPR reactor B, the

molar H_2/C_2 ratio is 0.5.

19 (Previously Presented)

The polymer product of claim 10 having a dL value of less

than 2.

20 (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing molded articles comprising the

step of molding the polymer of claim 9, a polymer comprising at least one additive or

filler selected from minerals, slip agent and processing agents, the polymer being

obtained according to a process comprising the steps of

i) feeding propylene to a at least one slurry reactor and producing a polypropylene

polymer matrix in the presence of a polymerization catalyst in said at least one slurry

reactor,

ii) transferring the slurry reactor product into a gas phase reactor (GPR),

iii) feeding a first mixture of ethylene and propylene to said first gas phase reactor

and producing a first ethylene/propylene-copolymer in the polymer matrix in the presence

of a polymerization catalyst in said first gas phase reactor,

iv) transferring the first gas phase reactor product into a second gas phase reactor.

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v) feeding a second mixture of ethylene and propylene to said second gas phase

reactor and producing a second ethylene/propylene-copolymer in the polymer matrix in

the presence of a polymerization catalyst in said second gas phase reactor, and

vi) recovering the polymer product produced in step v) for further processing,

wherein said first and second ethylene/propylene mixtures having different

composition ratios

wherein the composition ratios of said first and second ethylene/propylene mixtures are

adjusted so that in the first gas phase reactor, a propylene rich ethylene propylene rubber

(EPR) is produced in the propylene polymer matrix, and in the second gas phase reactor,

an ethylene rich EPR rubber is produced in the propylene polymer matrix, and wherein

said polypropylene polymer composition has improved scratch resistance.

21 (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing molded articles comprising the

step of molding the polymer of claim 10. a polymer having a dL value of less than 4, the

polymer being obtained according to a process comprising the steps of

i) feeding propylene to a at least one slurry reactor and producing a polypropylene

polymer matrix in the presence of a polymerization catalyst in said at least one slurry

reactor,

ii) transferring the slurry reactor product into a gas phase reactor (GPR),

iii) feeding a first mixture of ethylene and propylene to said first gas phase reactor

and producing a first ethylene/propylene-copolymer in the polymer matrix in the presence

of a polymerization catalyst in said first gas phase reactor,

iv) transferring the first gas phase reactor product into a second gas phase reactor,

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v) feeding a second mixture of ethylene and propylene to said second gas phase

reactor and producing a second ethylene/propylene-copolymer in the polymer matrix in

the presence of a polymerization catalyst in said second gas phase reactor, and

vi) recovering the polymer product produced in step v) for further processing,

wherein said first and second ethylene/propylene mixtures having different

composition ratios

wherein the composition ratios of said first and second ethylene/propylene mixtures are

adjusted so that in the first gas phase reactor, a propylene rich ethylene propylene rubber

(EPR) is produced in the propylene polymer matrix, and in the second gas phase reactor,

an ethylene rich EPR rubber is produced in the propylene polymer matrix, and wherein

said polypropylene polymer composition has improved scratch resistance.

A method for manufacturing molded articles comprising the 22 (Currently Amended)

step of molding the polymer of claim 19. a polymer having a dL value of less than 2, the

polymer being obtained according to a process comprising the steps of

i) feeding propylene to a at least one slurry reactor and producing a polypropylene

polymer matrix in the presence of a polymerization catalyst in said at least one slurry

reactor,

ii) transferring the slurry reactor product into a gas phase reactor (GPR),

iii) feeding a first mixture of ethylene and propylene to said first gas phase reactor

and producing a first ethylene/propylene-copolymer in the polymer matrix in the presence

of a polymerization catalyst in said first gas phase reactor,

iv) transferring the first gas phase reactor product into a second gas phase reactor,

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v) feeding a second mixture of ethylene and propylene to said second gas phase

reactor and producing a second ethylene/propylene-copolymer in the polymer matrix in

the presence of a polymerization catalyst in said second gas phase reactor, and

vi) recovering the polymer product produced in step v) for further processing,

wherein said first and second ethylene/propylene mixtures having different

composition ratios

wherein the composition ratios of said first and second ethylene/propylene mixtures are

adjusted so that in the first gas phase reactor, a propylene rich ethylene propylene rubber

(EPR) is produced in the propylene polymer matrix, and in the second gas phase reactor,

an ethylene rich EPR rubber is produced in the propylene polymer matrix, and wherein

said polypropylene polymer composition has improved scratch resistance.

23 (Previously Presented)

A molded article comprising the polymer of claim 9.

24 (Previously Presented)

A molded article comprising the polymer of claim 10.

25 (Previously Presented)

A molded article comprising the polymer of claim 19.

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